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### **NPI COMPLIANCE BEGINS MAY 23, 2008**

Effective May 23, 2008, DMAS will process only claims having an NPI or API. Legacy (9-digit) Medicaid Provider Identification Numbers (PINs) will no longer be used to adjudicate claims, and therefore should not be placed on your claims submitted to DMAS.

Claims received after May 22, 2008 with only a Legacy Medicaid PIN will be denied for either

Edit Reason 1364,  
“Service NPI Not

Found on Claim” or  
Edit Reason 1365,  
“Billing NPI not Found  
on Claim.”

### **SHARING YOUR NPI**

Providers must obtain their NPI from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) (<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>).

Sharing the NPI with DMAS and obtaining the NPI from NPPES are two separate and distinct actions. As a healthcare provider, you should have already obtained an NPI from NPPES and enrolled your NPI with DMAS by responding to the NPI Re-Enrollment Packet or NPI Group Practice Enrollment Packet DMAS previously mailed to you.

Providers who have not shared their NPI with DMAS should do so

immediately. Your complete NPI Re-Enrollment Packet must be received by **May 5, 2008**, to ensure it is processed prior to the May 23, 2008, cutoff date. To ensure there is no disruption to participation or cash flow, you are strongly encouraged to complete their NPI Re-Enrollment Packet and send it to the First Health Provider Enrollment Unit (PEU) immediately. For a replacement copy of your NPI Re-Enrollment Packet, contact the First Health PEU at (888) 829-5373 (toll free).

**If you have not shared your NPI with DMAS, your claims will be denied.** Click here to read the entire Medicaid memo sent to all providers on March 5, 2008:

[http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/np\\_i\\_Memo\\_Compliance.pdf](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/np_i_Memo_Compliance.pdf)

## Tamper Resistant Prescription Pads



In 2007, Congress enacted Section 7002 (b) of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act (P.L. 110-28), which mandates that federal reimbursement be denied to states for Medicaid patients' outpatient prescriptions that are not written on tamper-resistant prescription pads/paper.

**To comply with this federal mandate, the Virginia Medicaid and FAMIS Fee-For-Service Program will require the use of tamper-resistant pads/paper on all non-electronic, outpatient prescriptions (excluding e-prescribing, fax, or telephone), effective April 1, 2008.**

For prescriptions written on or after April 1, 2008, the use of tamper-resistant prescription pads is mandated for the Medicaid, MEDALLION, FAMIS, and FAMIS Plus fee-for-service populations. Based on CMS guidance, the tamper-resistant pad requirement applies to all outpatient drugs, including over-the-counter drugs, whether Medicaid is the primary

or secondary payor of the prescription. This includes prescriptions for "dual eligibles" where a Medicare Part D plan is the primary payor and Virginia Medicaid is the secondary payor. While the law specifies the term "prescription pad", the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have stated that these requirements also apply to computer-generated prescriptions that are printed using paper inserted into the printer.

Please click here to read the entire Medicaid Memo:

[http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/m-m-Tamper\\_Resistant\\_2\\_29\\_08.pdf](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/m-m-Tamper_Resistant_2_29_08.pdf)

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